



Ethelle Dempsey

October 14, 1920 - June 5, 2010

Ethelle "Tillie" Caroline Bates Dempsey, 89 of Amboy, and formerly of Dixon, died Saturday June 5, 2010 in the Amboy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was married to Joseph L. Dempsey. Joe and Ethelle operated the United Tap for many years. Ethelle was born on October 14, 1920 in Amboy, Illinois to Myrtle (Fortney) and Claude Bates. She married Joseph L. Dempsey on October 14, 1948. She was a veteran of the 270 1st Army Air Force. A 2nd Lieutenant who was awarded the American Theatre Ribbon Victory Medal as a General Duty Nurse stationed in Tucson, Arizona. She was a Registered Nurse at Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael, one sister, Chrissanna Harmon, one brother, Jimmy Bates and her husband Joseph L. Dempsey. Survivors include two daughters, Ann "Annie" (Paulo-Juarez Pereira) Dempsey of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Janet "Jinny" (Steven) DeStefano of Winchester, Massachusetts. Five grandchildren: Amanda (Matt) Wriggins, Dan McGowan, Andrea (John) Glass, Jennifer DeStefano, Nicholas DeStefano, and four great grandchildren. Mass of Christian burial will be on Thursday June 10, 2010 at 10:30 AM at St Anne Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Michael Morrissey officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be on Thursday from 9:00 to 10:30 AM at the Church.

Tribute Wall



“ On behalf of the Society of Air Force Nurses, please know we are mourning with you the death of our sister nurse, Ethelle. It takes a patriot, willing to give of themselves to other human beings in their time of need, to step forth and join the ranks of our U. S. Air Force Nurse Corps. Your beloved one will be mourned and missed by many who served alongside her. We will include her name in our Memorial Program of the Society of Air Force Nurses in commemoration of her life and service to our nation.



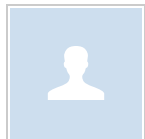
With Sincerest Regards and Gratitude,
Wendy S. Collins, Lt Col, USAF, Nurse Corps (Retired)

LtCol Wendy S. Collins, USAF, NC (Ret) - April 05, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ Ethelle Dempsey

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Ethelle Dempsey

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



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“ *My sincere sympathy, Janet, to you and your family. I often thought of Tillie after I retired from the bank, and wondered how she was doing. I am sorry I am not able to attend services for her, as we are out of town for the week. Please know that my thoughts and prayers will be with all of you.*

Ronda Partington - June 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *I'm sorry was unable to say goodbye Grandma. I have so many memories to share but my favorite will always be singing our song together.*

You are my sunahine my only sunshine

You make me happy when skies are gray

You'll never know dear how much I love you..

and miss you always

Thank you Aunt Jinny, Cheri, Dad, Danny and everyone at the

Amboy Nursing Center for taking care of and loving her so much. All our love, Amanda, Matt and Zane

Amanda Wriggins - June 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *DeStafano family,*

Sorry for your loss. She lived a long life and is now in a better place without pain.

Godfather

Joseph Salvo - June 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy in your loss of "Tillie." She was a wonderful person with a great sense of humor, always with a joke to tell her "cuz," Frank. We will remember her, always, with fondness and love. Take care, and may God bless.

Doris and Janet Barlow - June 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM